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STATE CAPITAL.

SOLICITORS TO BE PUT ON A SALARY-SAMPSON'S SENATOR CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON RAILROAD COMMISSION.

The Public School System to be Investigated.

THE SENATE.

SIXTH DAY, JAN. 13TH. (Continued from State Chronicle.)

The most important matter before this body since our last issue are as follows: The bill to punish the false registration of stock was, as amended by the Committee, reported favorably, passed second and third readings, ordered engrossed and sent to the House.

The bill to create the office of timber inspector for the counties of Craven, Jones, Carteret and Onslow, was reported favorably, passed second and third readings, ordered engrossed and sent to the House.

A resolution of the House requesting the Attorney-General to lay before the Assembly the legal reason why the State should not retain the bonds given the State by the Richmond and Danville Railroad for convict labor was adopted.

SEVENTH DAY, JAN. 14TH. Mr. Bryan, of Duplin, a bill to apportion the school fund of the State, to make all public terms of the same length, which was ordered printed. Judiciary.

This is an important measure and Senator Bryan has given it much careful study.

Mr. Aycock, a bill to encourage mechanical proficiency in the State. Agriculture.

This bill provides for persons to stand on examination and get such certificate of mechanical proficiency from the Superintendent of Public Instruction of each county.

A message was received from the Governor accompanied by a statement from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, for the Trustees to be elected at this session of the General Assembly.

The bill in regard to the renting of property by guardians was reported favorably, passed second and third readings, ordered engrossed and sent to the House.

The bill to amend the election law reported favorably.

During the last election the Attorney-General was called upon to decide whether or not voters could register on Saturday. This bill is to make the law plain that voters can register on Saturday and up to 12 o'clock, noon.

EIGHTH DAY, JANUARY 15TH. Mr. Gilman, a resolution from the Alliance of Onslow county, asking that before an election for United States Senator is held, the Assembly pass resolutions instructing our Senators in Congress to support the financial reforms as set forth in the Sub-Treasury plan. Federal Relations.

The bill to pay Solicitors an annual salary was reported favorably. Mr. Ardrey moved to amend by making the salary \$2,000 instead of \$1,800.

Mr. Butler thought \$1,800 was large enough. The amendment was lost. Discussion then occurred upon the original bill.

Mr. Bellamy would support the bill, but he believed the salary of \$1,800 too small. He believed in securing the best talent the State could afford and the salary proposed was too small; but he was glad this bill was introduced. In many cases under the present system the Solicitor's fee seemed too much like "blood money." He eulogized the worth and character of the Solicitors of the State. He favored this change.

For many years the people had been complaining, he said, on account of costs, and this bill was calculated to relieve them. The Solicitors, being fair-minded men, could not object. The pay, he thought, was ample. Take the Second District, for instance. There were over 800 bills and not over 400 convictions reported. The county had to pay the cost in the other 400 cases. These 400 cases would perhaps amount to \$50 each—an aggregate of \$20,000. This bill would save that amount—so much for an illustration. As the law now stands, if a man steals a pig to-day, a cow to-morrow and a sheep the next day, the Solicitor can make three separate cases, whereas the intent of the law is that one bill should be made and the other cases put in as an aggravation of the offense for the Judge to take into consideration when sentencing the convicted. If the accused should be insolvent the country has about \$100 of cost to pay under the present system, but the Solicitor gets his fee in each case. There was no danger of increasing taxation by this bill. He was frank to say that the bill did not meet the approval of the Solicitor from his district. But he looked at the question as one benefiting the whole people of the State.

A number of Senators spoke against the bill, among them Messrs. Avery, Gillmore and Greene. Mr. Greene, of Harnett, said he did not see how the bill would help the Treasury. He was satisfied that crime was decreasing and litigation was waning. How then would Solicitors be paid, except out of the Treasury? He was opposed to the bill. The people had not studied the question and he was in favor of discussion. Two years from now would be soon enough to pass such a bill.

Mr. Butler believed the best interests of the people would be subserved by passing the bill now before the Senate. It is now estimated that the Solicitors' salaries in the 12 Judicial Districts amounted to be between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Under the present bill the amount paid would be \$21,600. This would make a saving of from \$4,000 to 10,000, and this money all comes out of the pockets of the people. The bill could be well entitled "A bill to reduce the salaries of Solicitors." All the cost reported to the Attorney General was not the full amount paid by the people. The time of citizens dragged from their farms and shops could not be estimated. It was time gone forever. A county was terribly cursed by loss of time, by loss of fines and costs and by loss due by insolvents, which now falls upon the county. Under this bill no insolvent tax is charged upon the county. Every Judge in the State, as far as he knew, favored such a change, and every Solicitor opposed it, with the exception of Solicitor Allen, of this district, who was probably the only one who did not receive much more in fees under the present arrangement than the salary fixed in this bill.

Mr. Bellamy said it had been said that this measure was an untried experiment. He said it was not so. New Hanover, Mecklenburg and Buncombe had adopted criminal courts with Solicitors paid by salaries.

The criminal court in Wilmington had grown in popularity. The people had confidence in it. Crime had decreased in New Hanover county. The court had done good. The costs paid the salary of the Solicitors. He favored the bill. His only objection was that the salary was too small.

Mr. Allen moved that it be postponed and made a special order for Friday of next week. He wished more light on the subject.

Mr. Butler was always in favor of more light, but he was opposed to postponement as it would seem to invite a lobby to Raleigh to work against the bill.

Some one asked him if he meant to say he believed any Senator on the floor could be so influenced. He replied that he meant no such thing, but we should be guided by the Book of Books and avoid the appearance of evil. One thing was certain, there were Solicitors now in Raleigh who get from \$2,000 to \$3,500 in fees, fighting the bill, and the opposition was stronger to-day than yesterday.

The motion to postpone was lost and the bill passed its third reading by a vote of 25 to 18.

A message was received from the House announcing its concurrence in the resolution offered by Senator Butler, of Sampson, to appoint a joint select committee on Railroad Commission and that the Speaker had appointed as the House branch of such Committee: Messrs. Jones, Holman, Bryan, of Wayne, Hall, of Halifax, Patterson, Gilmer, Peebles, and Cowan.

TENTH DAY, SATURDAY, JAN. 17TH. S. B. 108, to allow persons to change their names in accordance with Art. 2, Sec. 11 of the Constitution.

The bill provides that any person having sufficient good reason, may upon the testimony of good witnesses from the county in which he resides, make application to a Superior Court clerk, for a change of his name, and that that officer have power to authorize such a change.

Mr. Bellamy explained that before the adoption of the constitution of 1868, a person's name could be changed by special act of the Legislature. The constitution of '68 takes this power from the Legislature, but gives it power to prescribe regulations in regard thereto.

Mr. Gilman moved to amend by allowing no person to change his name more than one time. The amendment was accepted, and the bill, as amended, passed second and third readings.

S. B. 149, instructing the Secretary of State to furnish to each Judge and Solicitor in the State a copy of the Acts of this Legislature affecting the criminal laws, passed second and third readings.

The President announced the following as the Senate branch of the joint committee on Railroad Commission: Mr. Butler, chairman, Messrs. Lucas, Bell, Grisby and Walser.

ELEVENTH DAY, MONDAY, JAN. 19. The following bills were the most important introduced: To repeal chapter 132, laws 1885, relative to the manner of entering lands; To consolidate and fund the debt of Wilmington; To provide where offenders shall be prosecuted, in cases where a mortal wound is inflicted on the high seas or within the State where death occurs in this State; To incorporate the Wilmington and Southern railroad company; To regulate and define fees of officers in actions wherein claim and delivery is resorted to; To incorporate the town of Linville; To incorporate the Hooper Fabric company; To incorporate the Smoky Gap and Blue Ridge Turnpike company; To amend the Code relative to mileage, etc., of the county commissioners; To change certain irregularities in the revision of the jury lists; To establish an industrial school for colored persons; To amend the constitution so as to allow the General Assembly to increase and regulate jurisdiction and powers of the purpose of reducing costs in minor cases.

The bill to amend the charter of Trinity College was taken up and passed its second reading.

Senator Williams, of Pitt asked that the bill to regulate interest be taken from the hands of the committee and discussed.

The bill for the better protection of the oyster interests of North Carolina was taken up at 12 o'clock as a special order.

There was a majority and minority report. Senator Morgan submitted the minority report, and, being sick, had read from the clerk's desk the report of the minority. It claims the passage of the original bill will result in serious damage to the conning interests, etc., and urges the dredging for oysters be allowed in certain boundaries. The bill caused wide discussion, during which telegrams were announced protesting against the passage of the bill, and requesting that a committee be sent to the section interested to enquire into the matter.

The Senator from Hyde, Mr. Lucas, took the floor in behalf of the bill. During his remarks he was frequently applauded, and he made one of the ablest speeches during the present session.

The amendments were voted down and the bill passed its second and third readings.

Gov. Fowle, assisted by his beautiful daughter, Miss Hellen, gave a brilliant reception in the new mansion on Tuesday evening of last week.

Senator Culbreth, (a native of Sampson) has been placed on another committee—on Pensions.

Rep. W. K. Pigford is chairman of the House Committee on Insane Asylum. Rep. R. R. Bell is also a member of the same committee. Senator Butler is a member of the Senate branch of the same committee. It really seems that Sampson will run the Insane Asylums of the State for the next two years. We will have a chance to feather our nests if cruel fate should ever decide to send us there.

Mr. Bell has also been placed on the committee on Counties, Towns and Cities.

The bill to place Solicitors on a salary passed the Senate after a hard fight and is now before the House. We give above a short synopsis of some of the speeches. The commit-

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DUNRAVEN RANCH.

A Story of American Frontier Life.

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CHAPTER IX.

IT JUST what hour the most surprising event occurred to Perry Foster that night no one seemed to know. He was present at sick call, and imperturbable as ever, on the following morning, and the few officers who were at headquarters after guard mounting were able to affirm that the colonel had been courteous as usual in his greeting to the medical officer, and that nothing whatever had been said about his being away so late the previous evening. Capt. Stryker came home soon after midnight, had a brief talk with his colonel, and went over to the stables to inquire into Gwynne's condition before he went to bed. Parke came into Perry's room after morning stables, and told him, as he was yawning and stretching in bed, that the captain had had quite a long talk with Gwynne that morning, and that "something was up"—he didn't know what. Later in the day Perry was called by Col. Brainerd, and found the commanding officer in consultation with Capt. Stryker and two other troop commanders.

At their request he repeated the story of his adventure at Dunraven, beginning with the dinner at which only eight or ten were gathered together, the Belknaps were not invited on the same evening with Mr. Perry, and vice versa. When Parke came in, whistling and singing and banging doors and making all manner of uncouth noise in the entrance of his spirits, he booted into Perry's domain, as was his wont, and began a rattling comment on the events of the day.

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could not have the ring. I was asked to account for it, you remembered seeing it, and so established the truth of Mr. Maitland's belief that it was on his finger when he went to that room."

"It was; but I do not recollect its being on his hand after he was carried to the sofa. It would surely have attracted my attention while chafing it."

"The parlor, hall and piazza have been swept and searched, I am told by this note," and the doctor indicated a little resolute he held in his hand, whereas Perry's face did not brighten, "and with no success. I was asked to inquire of you, and if it was answered you, as I infer by your manner, pray let that be my apology. Then I am to say you saw it when Mr. Maitland entered the room, but not again?"

"Precisely; unless you choose to add to your correspondent that the next time I am associated with missing property at Dunraven I would prefer to be questioned direct, and not through a third party."

A quick smile shone for an instant on the doctor's grave face:

"I fear that I have not accomplished my mission very diplomatically, Mr. Perry, and am sorry to have vexed you. The colonel tells me, by the way, that he ought to say to you that the reason I was so long in reaching your party last night was that I was detained attending to another case—one of our own men. Good evening, sir. And, raising his finger-cap, the doctor walked away, and with dignity away, leaving Perry too surprised to speak.

"The colonel told him to tell me?" Perry's wondering soliloquy at last. "Then I suppose he must have told the chief some story to account for his being away." It was pretty evident from the young fellow's manner as he entered the house that the story was not one which struck him as being entitled to confidence or consideration. He spoke not a word on the table in his little sitting room, lay a dainty note. It was not the first he had received under that superscription, and he had not been slow to open and read them. If anything, the cloud upon his forehead seemed to deepen at the sight of it. He picked it up, looked impatiently at the address, hesitated a moment, tossed it back on his desk and went into the inner room. He would not read it now; it was almost paralytic; he had to bathe and change his dress, for after parade he was to meet the members of an infantry friend, and Capt. and Mrs. Lawrence were to be of the party. Already it was noted that when any of the few infantry people at the post gave a little treat of dinner at which only eight or ten were gathered together, the Belknaps were not invited on the same evening with Mr. Perry, and vice versa. When Parke came in, whistling and singing and banging doors and making all manner of uncouth noise in the entrance of his spirits, he booted into Perry's domain, as was his wont, and began a rattling comment on the events of the day.

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ing speed, but even then he was buckling his saber belt as the assembly sounded. He had to go straight across to where his troop was forming—a glittering rank of yellow plumes—and so could only give a hurried glancing glance toward Belknap's quarters. There was her comely ladyship packing up and down the veranda; and he knew well he would have to account for his sins. All through parade his thoughts were divided between the fair face he had seen at Dunraven the night before and the dark one with the long, curving lashes sweeping those soft, peachy cheeks and half veiling those wonderful, liquid, speaking, side-glancing eyes. He saw Mrs. Belknap stroll forth a moment as though to join the group of ladies on the walk, then return to her room, and he saw her promenade up and down her piazza. He knew that he must hasten to her the instant the rank of officers dispersed and make his peace if possible, but as they marched to the front and saluted the commanding officer, he directed his eyes to the ground. He had something to say to them all, and moving away to the edge of the parade ground, so that the troops might not be detained on the line, he gathered his officers about him, and in a few minutes the little shade trees that bounded the roadway, and took a letter from the breast of his uniform coat.

"Gentlemen," said he, "this will be of importance to some of you, and of interest to all. It explains something none of us understood, and contains matter that I deem it best you all should hear. It is a letter from the manager of Dunraven Ranch. Mr. Adjutant, you read it."

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

VARIOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST GATHERED AND BRIEFLY STATED SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE.

Agiers has had a violent earthquake. A Lymph factory is to be started in New York. There are over 250 children in the Oxford Orphan Asylum.

Thousands are dying in Siberia of the scourge known as "black death." Nearly four hundred thousand emigrants were landed in New York last year.

The last census gives the value of mortgages in the United States at \$50,000,000. Probably, for the good of all parties, the Indian and Herring Sea troubles are ended.

A bill providing for a \$25,000 public building at Reidsville has been signed by the President. George Bancroft, the historian, died on the evening of the 17th. He was over ninety years old.

The New York Herald gives this: "Speaker Reed's Motto:—Be sure you are wrong, then go ahead." A negro woman stabbed and instantly killed a negro man at Maxton last week about a petty quarrel over ten cents.